

## ABSTRACT

A method and system for controlling access to file on a server over a network is disclosed. The method and system include allowing a content originator to publish a file on a first server and to specify what users are authorized to access to file, where the files on a first server are replicated to a second server. In response to receiving a URL request from a client for a file from the first server, it is determined if a user of the client has been granted authorization to access the file.

If the user has been granted authorization access, a ticket is generated that includes an identifier identifying the particular file on the second server. The method and system further include creating a redirect URL ticket to the file on the second server by modifying the client's URL request to identify the second server, and augmenting the URL request with the ticket authorizing access to the particular file. The redirect URL ticket is returned to the client, such that the client uses the redirect URL to request the file from the second server.